

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 13, 2006**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. M. Holmes presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members Present:** Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridgett Powers, Bob Snyder, J. M. Holmes

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Finance Director Andy Heath, Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Holmes congratulated citizens for success of the Veterans' Day Parade. He advised that on Wednesday he would be attending the legislative briefings conducted by the League of California Cities in Sacramento. The Mayor congratulated the winners of the November 7<sup>th</sup> election and thanked Dan Sokol for filing as a candidate, making certain there was an election of council members and not simply an appointment.

Mayor Holmes also mentioned that he attended the Trustees meeting of the Placer County Law Library. Some of the law library facilities will be moving to the Roseville area. The mayor made certain they were aware of the City's concerns particularly regarding the potential impact on local businesses around the historic courthouse and lower Auburn area.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Item 4 removed from agenda as requested by City Manager Robert Richardson.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 06-131** approve Warrants #64510 through 64795 totaling \$1,370,750.49.

2. **Council Minutes**

Removed minutes of September 25, 2006 at the request of Council Member Nesbitt.

3. **Auburn Park Preserve Phase 2, Amendment No. 6**

By **RESOLUTION 06-132** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment No. 6 to compensate Royston, Hanamoto, Abbey and Alley for services provided for the Auburn Park Preserve Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

4. **Maintenance & Service Contract for Police Department Radio/Communication System**

Item removed from agenda.

5. **Dispatch Agreement Amendment with the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

By **RESOLUTION 06-133** approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the dispatch agreement amendment for fiscal year 2006-2007 with the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Agenda \*\*\*\*\*

**MOTION** to approve the consent agenda as amended. **MOTION:**  
**Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0**

2. **Council Minutes**

Council Member Nesbitt referred to Public Hearing, Item 6, and requested that the City Clerk re-listen to the tape regarding the numerous motions that were made.

The City Clerk advised that he listened very carefully to the tape, especially since the discussion was particularly confusing.

City Attorney, Michael Colantuono, stated that there was another motion that needed to be reflected. City Clerk Joe Labrie agreed to again review the tape and reagentize these minutes for approval at a future meeting.

5. **Public Comment**

None.

**REPORTS**

6. **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Status Report – Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

Finance Director Andy Heath introduced the item with an update of the financial status of the city as of September 30, 2006. He provided an overview of the report purpose and process, the general fund revenues and expenditures, sewer and airport funds, other major city funds and special revenue funds.

Council member Hanley asked if the city will be required next year to put aside a new reserve related to health insurance or pension. Mr. Heath answered that it would not be required to do so, as the city does not provide health benefits for its retirees.

Mayor Holmes referred to an article in Western Cities Magazine about cities financial health. It suggested that trends be observed in per capita operations, including those relative to inflation. He asked that Director Heath “run some numbers, just over the last couple of years including this fiscal year on our per capita general fund expenditures and how they reflect inflation and so forth.” Brief clarification discussion followed.

8. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Greenprint Program previously adopted by the council as a guide to management of our “urban forest.” The Greenprint Committee is working on a model regional ordinance as to how the program might be implemented. Council Member Nesbitt along with two Planning Commissioners attended the last meeting and plan to attend future meetings.

Council Member Snyder reported on the Mosquito Abatement District Meeting. He also reported on the League of Cities Conference that he attended in October. One of the topics of particular interest to him was affordable housing. He provided the council with related articles. Another topic of interest was that of senior services since Auburn is an aging community. The city and the county jointly will have to address services provided its senior citizens.

Mayor Holmes stated that he attended the Sierra Business Council Conference and affordable housing was one of the major issues. He also advised that the Sacramento Area Council of Governments is having a November meeting discussing growth possibilities. He encouraged attendance.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **8. Adopt Policy on Elected and Appointed Officials Expense and Use of Public Resources and Ethics**

Finance Director Andy Heath introduced the item regarding a policy that has been mandated by the State of California. It discusses expenditure reimbursement practices for officials and subsequent ethics training. He discussed what the policy contains, purpose and scope, types of authorized expenditures for reimbursement and the recording and communications requirements associated with those expenditures and reimbursements. Additionally he discussed the bi-annual ethics training obligation.

Council comments, questions and discussion followed. Director Heath will revise the policy document as directed by Council.

By **RESOLUTION 06-134** adopt the Elected and Appointed Officials Expense and Use of Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy as amended. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Holmes adjourned the regular session meeting to a closed session at 6:55 p.m.

By **MOTION** adjourn to a closed session under Government Code Section 54957:6

## **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Agency Designated Representative: David Mackowiak  
Employee Group: Fire Department Battalion Chiefs

## **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action taken. The Council adjourned without objection.

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J. M. Holmes, Mayor

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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